A JOURNEY TO ASHANGO LAND; AND FURTHER PENETHATION INTO EQUATORIAL AFRICA. By PAUL B. DU CHAILLU. 8vo. pp. 601. D. Appleton & Co. In forming the plan of the journey described in This volume, it was one of the chief purposes of M. Du Chaillu, to obtain materials for the vindication of counts which he had given to the public. The record of his flate journey in the present volume contains ample details concerning the geography, natural-histery, othnology, and manners and customs of the people, of equatorial Africa, affording conclusive evidence of the enterprise, persetence, and zeal of the traveler, with the natives, and his integrity and carefulness journey. M. Du Chaillu had the misfortune to lose a whole of his expensive outfit, including a set of photegraphic and meteorological apparatus, in his attempt to escape from the hostility of the natives. whom he encountered toward the end of his rante. In spite of this calamity, and although disappointed in his hope of reaching a terbutary of the Nile, and thus returning by way of the Mediterranean, this journey in the interior abounded in novel incidents. and afforded him asich store of information, which he has turned to admirable account in this work.

The starting-point of his tour on the African coast was the mouth of the river called Fernand Vaz, about 110 miles from Gaboon, the principal center of trade schooner of nearly 100 tuns burden, and set sail from Gravesend on the 6th of August, 1863. The voyage lasted a little were than two mre of recognizing many of his old friends, who put off from shore in causes to welcome the arthe sarr rolled mountain high; and the landing was not a little dangerous. The first boat, however, reached the shore without socident. A crowd of several handred savages, dancing and shouting with frantic joy, greeted their well-known gnest, after an absence of four years. The news of his arrival soon spread through the country. For several days the natives came trooping in by land and water to see their friend, and the good things he had brought with him. At night bonfires were lit, and the throng of rude, haif-dressed, but good-humored negroes danced around them, making a hideous din with their monotonous dramming and songs.

The kext step was to return on board the schooner and pregare to disemback the outfit. It contained, among other things, a set of astronomical instruments, a store of photographic materials sufficient to make 2,000 pictures, a large stock of boxes, glass tubes, and the like, in order to collect insects and worms, and a quantity of asserie for the preservation of stuffed specimens of animals. Three native canoes were brought alongside the schooter, and in one of them were placed the scientific instruments, sextants, chronometers, prismatic compasses, and barometers, five large Geneva musical boxes for presents to the chiefs, five barrels of salt meat, a case of 1.500 rifle bullets, a box of medicines, and many other valuable articles. The captain of the schooner, with Du Chaillu, embarked in this boat, and set off amidst the cheers of the ducky paddlers. The two other canoes took the surf first.

people of the surrounding villages kept themselves at a distance. Not a day passed without its victims. Each fresh death was announced by the firing of guns, a sound which brought a paug of sorrow to the heart of the stranger. From morning to night his solitude was disturbed by the monthful songs which were raised by the relatives around the corpses of the dead. The curses of the natives fell thick on the traveler as the cause of their calamities. Soon a new misery came in the shape of famine. There was no one left to gather food. The men who went in search of it in the neighboring villages were driven back by the terror-stricken inhabitants, who believed that they were the carriers of the plague and the camine. At length a fatal blow was struck by the death of the King. whose friendship had stood by Du Chaillu in every emergency. The once cheerful prairie of Ashira had now become a valley of the dead. Each village was a charnel-house. The most heart-rending sights met the view everywhere. The wretched victims of the loathsome disease tay about in sheds and huts; swarms of carrion flies buzzed about the still living bodies; an intelerable odor perwaded the atmosphere. It is no wender that even the courage of Du Chaillu was tempted to quail, and that he wished himself back amid the health and comforts of Europe, though it were only as a streetsweeper in one of its cities.

It was not until the middle of March, that the expedition was able to continue the journey. They now started toward countries never before visited by Europeans. After almost incredible hardships they

three degrees in breadth on each side of it. Now and then, an island or prairie is found in this dark sea of everlasting foliage. The forest is thinly inhabited by men, still more thinly by beasts. There is neither horse, nor camel, donkey nor cattle. Men and women are the only carriers of barden. There are no do-mestic animals but goats and fayls. The species, that detestable monster, Not having succeeded in RAYMOND'S CLOTHING STORE, Nos. 121,

are here absent. Neither lions, rhinoceroses, ze-bras, giraffes, nor estriches, are known. Not the locality about the middle of June. He thus deeven gazelles and clands which are so frequent elsewhere are seen in this region. Large carniverens animals accordingly are scarce. There are only leopards, and two or three species of hyenas and jackals. Little necturnal animals are more commen, but it is difficult to get at them. Reptiles abound in the forest. There are a great many snakes some of which are very poisonons. Lizards also are abandant in some districts; there is a wonderful variety of spiders-house spiders, tree spiders, ground spiders, and several formidable species of all-devouring axis. Dragon flies of beautiful color are met with near the poels. Bats are very abundant and there are numerous species of equirrels. Eight kinds of monkeys are found in different districts. They live in troops, but when old they usually retire to private life. A powerful eagle called the guanomin makes perpetual war on the monkeys, whose skulls in many places whiten the prairie after they have been destoyed by this "leopard of the air." Several varieties of apec roam the forest at the side of the negroes. The largest of them all is the gorilla, which may be truly called the king of the forest. Elephants have become scarce, and recede further and further every year into the fastnesses of the interior. M. Du Chailin traveled mile after mile without hearing the sound of a hird, the chatter of a monkey, or the footstep of a gazelle. There was no humming of insects, not the falling of a leaf. The only sound which broke

the solemn silence was the murmur of some bidden

stream. The solitude was chilling, even awful but

well adapted for the study of nature.

The inhabitant of these mountainous recesses presents an impressive specimen of primitive man. He is surrounded by siense forests. No trading earavan has penetrated to his retirements. He has been shut up in the world around him. In the coarse of his clow migrations, he takes the place of others who had disappeared before him. Those who leave the interior country for the sea-shere never come back, to tell speaking different languages and dialects. Each tribe is divided into many clans, which are often at war with each other. The government is patriarchal. Each village has its elder, or chief, but the despotic form of government is unknown. No one can be put to death at the will of the chief. The fate of an accused person is decided by a council of elders. The intricacies of the law are unknown to them. A tooth for a tooth, blood for blood, life for life, are the maxims that compose their simple code. If a man kills another, though by accident, he is killed himself. If a gun goes off by mishap, and kills any one, the man who held the gun is put to death. Every one is under the protection of some one If, by death, a negro is left alone, he runs great risk of being sold into slavery. Tribes and claus intermarry with each other, and this brings about ; friendly feeling among the people. Persons of the same clan cannot marry with each other. The least consanguinity is considered an abomination, although the nephew does not heatate to take his uncle's wives, nor the son to take his father's wives, except his own mother. Polygamy and slavery everywhere exist. The wealth of a man consists first of wives, tribes. They all believe in the power of their idol spirits: Mahometanism has not found its way into this pathless jungle. The universal belief in witchcraft causes an untold amount of slaughter.

M. du Chaillu's account of his personal adventures with the native animals, of course, forms one of the

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The next morning I went with a number of men in search the lpt. From the description given me by the natives was sure that I had never before met with this species, and had some hope of its being new to science. The pancilin genus (Maais of zoologists) to which it belongs is a ery singular group of animals. They are ante-aters, like he Marnecophago of South America, being like them uite destitute of teeth, and having a long extensile negue, the extremity of which is covered with a gintions secretion, by means of which they catch their prey at, white the South American ante-aters are clothed ith hair, like ordinary mammalian animals, the pangons have an armor of large scales, implanted in the skin the upper surface of the body from the head to the tip the tail, and imbricated or overlapping, like the slates ithe roof of a house. The animals look, at first sight, the curious heavy-hodied lizards, but they have warm oed, and nourish their young like the rest of the mamalia.

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The lpl lives in burrows in the earth, or sometimes in the large hollows of coloseal trunks of trees which have fallen to the ground. The burrows that I saw were in light soil on the slope of a bill. There are two holes to each galler, one for soit ance and the other for exit. This is necossary, on account of the animal being quited incapable of durying its body sidewhys, so that it cannot turn itself in its burrow. The bodies of pangolins are very flexible extically, that is, they can roth themselves up into a bad, and coil and encoul themselves very readily, but they cannot turn round within the confined limits of their burrows. In hunting them we had first to ascertain, by the footanarks, or more readily by the marks left by the lead of the tail, which was the entrance and which the exit of the burrow, and then, making a trap at the other; afterward securing them with ropes. The freshness of the tracks told as that the animal had entered its burrow the previous evening; for must add that the ip is nocturnal in its kabits, sleeping in its burrow through out in its harders at high the natives any that they can hear the ratting of its large scales.

A loft, and wearisone day's hunt produced no fruit. We wandered over hill and date through the forest and streams, feaving the bestea paths, and struggling for hours through the tangele make, with no other result than to tear our colones to rags, and cover ourselves with scratches from the thours and cutting edges of sword-like grasses which grew in many piaces. I nevertheless pergesses which grew in many piaces.

reached a village far in the interior, called Mouson Kombo, on the 21st of July, from which place they were compelled by the hostility of the inhabitants to retrace their steps, and make the best of their way back to the coast. They arrived at the Fernand Vazon the 21st of September, having spent nearly two years in their forest explorations.

The results of the expedition are well summed up by the author in a lucid chapter toward the close of their volume. The country of equatorial Africa is covered with an almost impenetrable jungle. It extends north and south of the equator, from two to three degrees in breadth ou each side of it. Now and

Our account of M. Du Chailin's experience in African wilderness would be incomplete without some notices of the animal with whom his fame as a naturalist is so closely connected, although we have no faith in the modern theory that original sin may

which abound in almost every other part of Africa his first journey to the gorilla district, in the cap

the locality about the middle of June. He thus describes his

HENT EOR THE GORILLA.

I had not been at the village long before newscame that gorillas had been recently seen in the neighborhood of a plantation only half a mile distant. Early in the morning of the 25th of June I wended my way thither, accompanied by one of my boys, maned Odanga. The plantation was a large one, and situated on very broken ground, surrounded by the virgin forest. It was a lovely morning; the sky was aimed cloudless, and all around was still as death, except the slight rustling of the tree-tops moved by the gentle land breeze. When I reached the place, I had first to pek my way through the maze of tree-tumps and half-burned logs by the side of a field of casseda. I was going quietly along the borders of this when I heard, in the grove of plaintain-trees toward which I was walking, a great erashing noise, like the breaking of trees. I immediately hid myself behind a bosh, and was soon gratified by the sight of a female gorilla; but before I had time to notice its novements, a second and third emerged from the masses of colessal foliage; at length no less than four came into view.

They were all busily engaged in tearing down the larger trees. One of the females had a young one following her. I had an excellent opportunity of watching the movements of the impussionistic band. The shangey hides, the protuberant abdomens, the lideous features of these strange creatures, whose forms so nearly resemble man, ande up a picture like a vision in some norbid dream. In destroying a tree, they first grasp the base of the stem with one of their feet and then with their powerful areas pull it down, a master of not much difficulty with so toosely-formed a stem as that of the plantain. They then set upon the jucy hearts of the wine power of the laws, and then they seemed on the point of the law was a local timed their work. Gradually they got nearer to the edge of the dark forest, and finally the special set hance of shooting one almost before I bec

We copy also the author's account of the capture of several fiving gorillas, in which he makes an honorable correction of some errors into which he had been

THREE LIVE GORILLAS CAUGET.

The natives of all the neighboring country were now so well aware that I wanted live gorillas, and was willing to give a high price for them, that many were stimulated to search with great perseverance; the good effects of this were soon made evident.

One day as I was quietly dining with Capt. Holder, of the Cambria ta vessel just arrived from England, one of my men came in with the startling news that three live gorillas had been brought, one of them full grown. I had not long to wait; in they came. First, a very large adult female, bound hand and foct; then her female child, screaming terribly; and lastly, a vigorous young male, also tightly bound. The female had been ingeniously secured by the negroes to a strong stick, the wrists bound to the upper part and the ankles to the lower, so that she could not reach to tear the cords with her teeth. It was dark, and the scene was one so wild and strange that I shall never forget it. The fiendlash countenances of the Calibanish trio, one of them distorted by pain, for the mother gorilla was severely wounded, were lit up by the ruddy glare of native torches. The thought struck me, what would I not give to have the group in London for a few days!

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The young male I secured by a chain which I had in readiness, and gave him henceforth the name of Tem. We untied his hands and feet; to show his gratitate for this act of kindness he inmediately made a rush at me, screaming with all lis might; happly the chain was made fast, and I took gave afterward to keep out of his way. The old mether gorifia was in an unfortunate plight. She had an arm broken and a wound in the chest, beside being dreadfully beaten on the head. She greated and restred many times during the hight, probably from pain. I noticed next day, and on many occasions, that the vigorous young male whenever he made a rush give your and massed his aim, immediately ran back. The cerresponds with what is known of the habits of the large males in their native woods, when attacked they make a

ment in the adjoining woods, having probably been frightened away by the noise.

This incident led me to modify somewhat the opinious I had expressed, in "Adventures in Equatorial Africa," regarding some of the habits of the gorilla. I there said that I believed it impossible to capture an adult female alive, but I ought to have added, unless wounded. I have also satisfied myself that the gorilla is more gregarious than I formerly considered it to be; at least it is now clear that, at certain times of the year, it goes in bands more numerous than those I saw in my former journey. Then I never saw more than five together. I have myself seen, on my present expedition, two of these bands of gorillas, numbering eight or ten, and have had authentic accounts from the natives of other similar bands. It is true that, when gorillas become aged, they seem to be more solitary, and to live in pairs, or, as in the case of old males, quite alone. I have been assured by the negroes that solitary and agod gorillas are sometimes seen almost white; the hair becomes grizzled with see, and I have no doubt that the statement of their becoming occasionally white with extreme old age is quite correct.

With regard to the future capabilities of the negro

With regard to the future capabilities of the negre race, M. Du Chaillu takes moderate ground, not agreeing with the opinion that the African will never rise higher than he is at present, nor believing that he is capable of reaching the highest point of civilization. In his view, the negro may be raised to a higher standard, but if left to himself, will soon fall back into barbarism. Of all uncivilized races, he has been found to be the most tractable and the most docile, and his excellent qualities compensate in a great measure for those of a less worthy character. He should therefore be treated with kindness and wise justice; no pains should be spared for his moral and social elevation; but after all, like the inferior races which have preceded him, he will probably disappear in time from the laud of his birth. We will not stop to discuss the correctness of these suggestions, and will close our notice of the volume by cordially commending it to the perusal of our readers. In point of clearness of statement, orderly method, skill in composition, as well as valuableness of matter, this is a decided advance on the previous work of the author, and will add to his reputation as a bold and intelligent explorer, and an admirable contributor to the departments of geography and natural history.

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